has been announced by the Prime Minister on the Independence Day last year (August 15, 2001) remained largely only on paper and failed to take off the ground during the year 2001-2002; and

(b) if so, the details of the scehme, indicating the cost and targets fixed for the year and the steps taken and progress made in implementation thereof during the year and the reasons for the failure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No Sir. Implementation of Ambedkar Valmiki Malin Basti Awas Yojana (AVMBAY) had gained momentum during the year 2001-02 itself. It was evident from the fact that though this Scheme was launched on 2nd December, 2001 with a budget provision of Rs. 69.00 crore, a sum of Rs. 73.56 crore *i.e.*, over and above the initial allocation was released under this Scheme during 2001-2002 to as many as 16 States for construction/upgradation of 27271 dwelling units (DUs) and 4605 toilet seats. Out of which 1290/2832 DUs/toilet seats have been completed and construction of 10884/168 DUs/toilet seats are in progress. Further, while addressing the Nation on 15th August, 2002, the Hon'ble Prime Minister had also state that this Scheme has become highly popular in a short time.

Land acquired by DDA in Delhi

†2638. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land acquired in Delhi by the Delhi Development Authority during the last three years, on which there were illegal encroachments, has been taken back in Government occupation;

(b) if so, the total area of such land; and

(c) in what manner this land has, so far, been utilized by the Authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) DDA has reported that it has removed encroachments over

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

452.45 acres of acquired land in Delhi during the last three years. Such land is utilized as per land use of the approved Zonal Plan.

Cost incurred on Delhi Metro Project

2639. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total cost incurred, so far, on Delhi Metro Project; and

(b) whether any contribution has been made by any other agency other than the Ministry of Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Rs. 2,795 crores upto 31.10.2002.

(b) Delhi Metro Railway Phase-I project is being funded by contributions from the Central Government (Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation), the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and a loan to the Government of India for this project from Japan Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC). There is no funding from the Ministry of Railways for this project.

Regularisation of unauthorised colonies

2640. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to regularise all unauthorised colonies in Delhi which came up in Delhi before this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the move would involve major amendments in Delhi's Master Plan in relation to sewerage, electricity and building norms and if so, the details thereof?